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On 17 May 1865, 104 years ago, the plenipotentiaries of 20 countries signed the first International Telegraph Convention, the intergovernmental agreement which enabled telegraph circuits to cross national boundaries and to cover the world and soon afterwards to make communication possible between the most distant countries.

By their signatures, these plenipotentiaries at the same time created the International Telegraph Union, later to become the International Telecommunication Union, which now has 135 Member states.

The remarkable achievement of modern telecommunications is the result of the co-operation between the states Member of the Union. This co-operation includes the establishment of international regulations which enable all telecommunication services to function, the standardization of equipments, planning on a world-wide or regional scale and direct assistance to the new or developing countries.

In the space age, therefore, with its enormous technical possibilities and the pressing need for coordination that they create, it seemed opportune to initiate a World Telecommunications Day.

This day will be celebrated each year on the anniversary of the first International Telegraph Convention and will help to publicize the common effort made by all those who take part in the great adventure of modern telecommunications.

This special QSL card is issued in commemoration of this first World Telecommunications Day.

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